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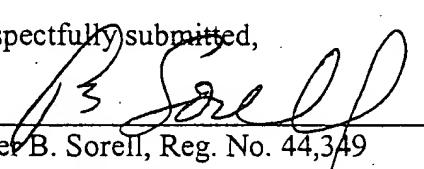
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 issued in the above-identified application.

Please extend the due date for response for two months, from November 12, 2003 to January 12, 2004. Please charge the required fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0369.

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